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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Masanori KADOTANI et al.  
Serial No.: 10/812,974  
Filed: March 31, 2004  
Title: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS  
Group: 1763  
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**AMENDMENT**

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May 1, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2006, the period of response for which extension of time is requested in the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2;**

**Remarks are included beginning on page 9; and**

**Authorization is included on page 18.**